

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Hideo Kobayashi et al.

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For

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CURING ADHESIVE

BETWEEN SUBSTRATES, AND DISK SUBSTRATES BONDING

APPARATUS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination on the merits, applicants request that the following amendments be entered in the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 3.